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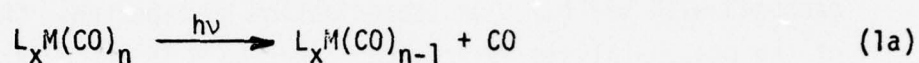
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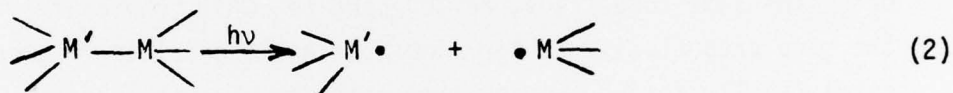
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Abstract: Trinuclear clusters $M_3(CO)_{12}$ ($M = Fe, Ru, Os$) are reported to be useful at 298° K as photocatalysts for isomerization of alkenes and for reaction of alkenes with trialkylsilanes. Detailed studies are reported for isomerization of the linear pentenes and for reaction of the linear pentenes with $HSiEt_3$. For isomerization of 1-pentene, the effectiveness of the photocatalysis is very dependent on M in the order $Fe > Ru \gg Os$. Photocatalyzed reaction of 1-pentene with $HSiEt_3$ yields (*n*-pentyl) $SiEt_3$, three isomers of (pentenyl) $SiEt_3$, and *n*-pentane. Especially for $M = Fe$, the ratio of the products depends on the ratio of $HSiEt_3$ and 1-pentene such that excess 1-pentene results in the formation of the (pentenyl) $SiEt_3$ as the main Si containing product. The distribution of products depends on M and the noteworthy finding is that for $M=Os$ the product is mainly (*n*-pentyl) $SiEt_3$, while for $M = Fe$ or Ru the vinylsilanes can be the major Si containing products. Under the same conditions, $Fe(CO)_5$ and $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ photocatalyzed reaction gives the same product distribution implicating mononuclear fragments as the catalytically active species when starting with the cluster. Irradiation of $M_3(CO)_{12}$ ($M = Fe, Ru$) in the presence of 1-pentene, CO , or PPh_3 does lead to mononuclear products. For $Os_3(CO)_{12}$ cluster photoproducts are found; e.g., $Os_3(CO)_{10}H_2$ results from irradiating $Os_3(CO)_{12}$ under H_2 . The results are consistent with catalytically active monomers for the Fe and Ru species, for all but the initial stages of the reaction. But for $Os_3(CO)_{12}$ the catalytically active species likely retains the Os_3 unit for a significant portion of the reaction.

Electronic excited states of certain low valent organometallic complexes are known to relax to ground state species which are coordinatively unsaturated.¹⁻⁵ Photoinduced ligand dissociation, reaction (1), from numerous



mononuclear complexes is believed to reflect the intermediacy of reactive ligand field excited states, i.e., the states which are strongly sigma-antibonding with respect to the metal-ligand interaction.^{2,6-8} A large class of metal-metal bonded dinuclear complexes fragment, reaction (2), subsequent



to the population of the lowest lying excited states which are destabilizing with respect to the metal-metal sigma bonding.⁹⁻¹⁵ Reaction (1) leads to the generation of 16e⁻ species from 18e⁻ precursors, and reaction (2) results in the formation of 17e⁻ metal radicals from diamagnetic precursors.

Photoinduced reductive elimination of H₂ from di- and poly-hydride complexes, reaction (3), provides another photochemical entry into

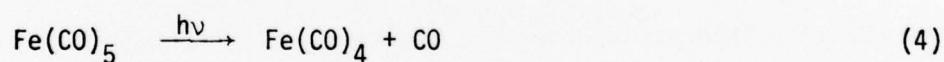


coordinatively unsaturated species.¹⁶⁻¹⁸

Since coordinatively unsaturated species are believed to play a key role in homogeneous catalysis,¹⁹⁻²¹ there exists the possibility of initiating, accelerating, and altering homogeneous catalysis by optical irradiation.²² Photochemical routes to active catalysts from thermally inert precursors may allow more convenient handling of the organometallic species, and control of the rate of catalytic processes may be simply achieved by variation in light intensity. However, in fundamental terms

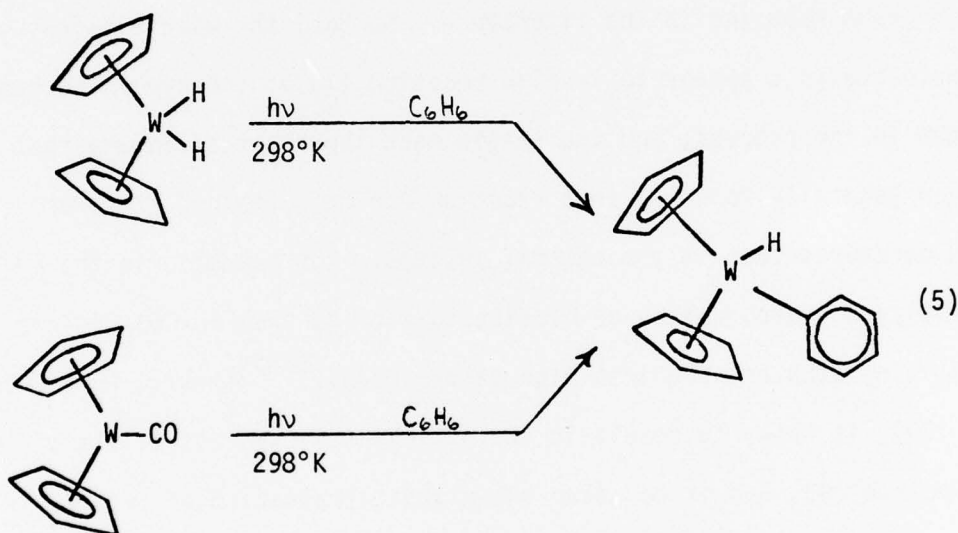
the real interest may rest in the fact that photochemically synthesized catalysts can result from direct decay of an electronic excited state. Such being the case, one can hold out the promise that the photogenerated catalyst may be one that is unique and only preparable by photochemical means.

A large number of organometallic substances are known catalysts for organic reactions, and photocatalytic schemes for certain reactions have been reported in the literature. So far, the main examples of photocatalysis appear to involve reaction (1) as the key photochemical step in the process, and the single most important advantage that has been generally found is that reaction can be sustained at lower temperatures than in the thermal process. For example, in the $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ catalyzed hydrogenation of olefins, loss of CO from $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ is the rate limiting step and requires high temperatures.²³⁻²⁷ However, irradiation of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ is known to result in the efficient dissociative loss of CO,^{1,28,29} reaction (4), and it has been shown that irradiation of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ in the



presence of H_2 and an olefin can lead to hydrogenation under conditions where no thermal reaction obtains.³⁰ Photocatalysis at low temperatures is important for at least three reasons. First, catalytic chemistry of thermally sensitive molecules may be possible. Second, compared to the thermal process, there may be a different rate limiting step in the thermal events subsequent to photochemical catalyst generation allowing more selective catalytic chemistry. Third, the generation of a catalytically active species under low temperature conditions may allow the characterization of intermediates generally not detectable at higher temperatures.

At the present time there are examples²² of photocatalyzed olefin isomerization,³⁰⁻³² hydrogenation,^{30,33-37} hydrosilation,^{38,39} oligomerization,^{40,41} and metathesis.^{42,43} These involve, presumably, photochemistry like that in reaction (1) followed by low activation energy thermal steps which parallel known catalytic chemistry. The observation that irradiation of $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{WH}_2$ ⁴⁴ or $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{W(CO)}$ ⁴⁵ leads to oxidative addition of C_6H_6 , reaction (5), does illustrate that



very reactive intermediates can be generated by photoexcitation, and we can expect that this area is to be one of active pursuit in the future.

Catalysis involving the fragments from the photoinduced cleavage of metal-metal bonds has not received much attention yet, but a number of photosensitive di- and polynuclear clusters are now known,⁹⁻¹⁵ and studies of catalytic chemistry seem appropriate. For a large number of dinuclear compounds, homolytic cleavage of the metal-metal bond is a very efficient process occurring from the lowest excited states, and dissociative loss of ligands is at best a minor component of the decay paths.⁹⁻¹⁵ For the trinuclear clusters, $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, ($\text{M} = \text{Fe}, \text{Ru}, \text{Os}$), there have been reports

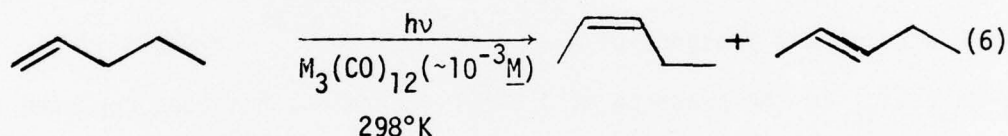
of the isolation of mononuclear, dinuclear, and trinuclear products from irradiation of $M_3(CO)_{12}$ in the presence of nucleophiles or oxidative addition substrates.⁴⁶⁻⁵² Consequently, we have undertaken studies directed towards assessing the catalytic activity of the intermediates in the photochemical reactions of $M_3(CO)_{12}$.

We have chosen to investigate the catalytic reactions resulting from irradiation of $M_3(CO)_{12}$ in the presence of alkenes or alkenes and silicon-hydrides. This seems to be a reasonable starting point, since $Fe(CO)_5$ photocatalyzed reactions of alkenes and alkenes and silanes have been reported.³⁹ Further, both $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ and $Os_3(CO)_{12}$ result in the formation of mono- and di-nuclear oxidative addition products when irradiated in the presence of a silicon hydride.^{47,48} Irradiation of $Os_3(CO)_{12}$ in the presence of 1,5-cyclooctadiene has been reported to yield some (1,3-cyclooctadiene) $Os(CO)_3$, evidencing an ability to isomerize an olefin.⁵³ There is an early report of the $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ and $Os_2(CO)_9$ photocatalyzed isomerization of 1-undecene.⁵⁴ Both $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ ⁵⁴⁻⁵⁹ and $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ ⁶⁰ are known catalysts for alkene isomerization, and there have recently been a number of interesting reports concerning chemistry of $M_3(CO)_{12}$ and derivatives with olefins, e.g., refs. 61-71.

RESULTS

Absorption Spectra of $M_3(CO)_{12}$. The optical absorption spectra of the $M_3(CO)_{12}$ complexes are given in Figure 1, and the band positions and intensities are summarized in Table I. There are a number of fairly intense absorptions for each complex, but the noteworthy trend is that the first absorption system position is in the order $Os > Ru > Fe$. Thus, low energy visible excitation is only possible for the Fe complex.

Isomerization of Alkenes. Each of the $M_3(CO)_{12}$ complexes is effective with respect to photocatalyzed alkene isomerization. Reaction (6) has been investigated and Table II summarizes the key findings. The general trend

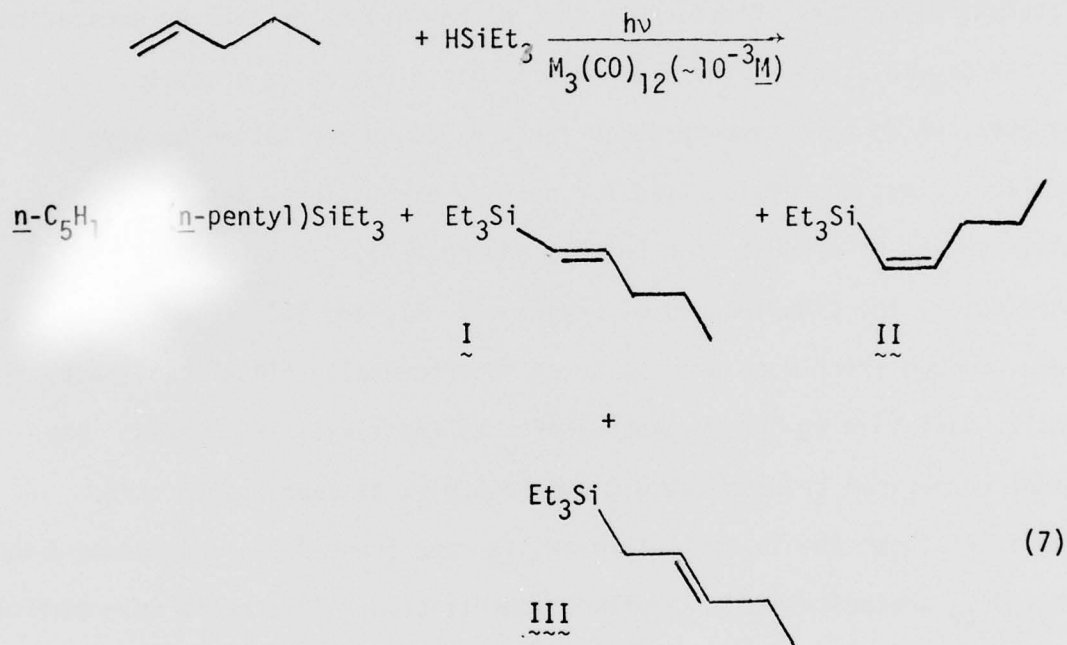


is that the effectiveness of the isomerization (observed rate and extent conversion) seems to follow the ordering $Fe > Ru \gg Os$. Indeed, only $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ seems to bring the linear pentenes to their thermodynamic ratio⁷² in short times. None of the $M_3(CO)_{12}$ complexes gives thermal reaction on the time scale of the photochemical experiments which are carried out at 298°K.

Quite importantly, $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ photocatalyzes the pentene isomerization upon excitation with low energy visible light, Table III. The reaction is accompanied by the disappearance of $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ and the formation of mononuclear iron carbonyl species including $Fe(CO)_5$ and $Fe(CO)_4(\text{pentene})$. Such species have been identified as products by their characteristic CO stretching frequencies in the infrared. Data in Table III show that the number of alkene molecules isomerized per Fe atom initially present is quite large. It is apparent that the

linear pentenes can be equilibrated to the thermodynamic mixture⁷² by the visible light photocatalysis procedure.

Reaction of Alkenes with Silanes. Irradiation of $M_3(CO)_6$ in the presence of 1-pentene and $HSiEt_3$ proceeds generally according to reaction (7).



The three (pentenyl)SiEt₃ products I, II, and III, are the major products but are sometimes accompanied by trace amounts of what appear to be other isomers (cis-trans and hydrogen shift products). The products have been identified by their mass spectra and comparison with authentic samples (VPC retention time and mass spectrum). The photocatalysis can be carried out on neat mixtures of the 1-pentene and HSiEt₃ and consumption of the limiting reagent generally exceeds 90%.

Conversion and product distribution as a function of irradiation time are detailed in Table IV, and the data show that the distribution of products is such that the amount of $n\text{-C}_5\text{H}_{12}$ is about the same as the amount of the (pentenyl)SiEt₃ isomers combined. Further, each $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ gives its own characteristic ratio of products, and the distribution of the (pentenyl)SiEt₃ isomers is fairly constant through the course of the reaction.

Comparison of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ and $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$. Table V shows a comparison of the Si-containing product distribution using $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ or $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ as the catalyst precursor. First, note that either 550 nm or near-uv excitation of the $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ gives the same initial distribution of products. However, we do note some tendency for the 550 nm excitation to give a smaller extent conversion than for near-uv excitation. Second, the distribution of products for $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ and $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ is very similar. In particular, the distribution of products I, II, and III is nearly the same, though there does seem to be an experimentally significant, but small, variation in the (n -pentyl)SiEt₃ to (pentenyl)SiEt₃ ratio. One final comparison between $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ and $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ is appropriate here. Table III shows the initial ratio of cis- and trans-2-pentene formed from $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ photocatalyzed 1-pentene isomerization. This ratio is essentially the same as that reported previously for $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$.³⁰

Product Distribution Variation with Alkene/Silane Ratio. Variation in the initial ratio of 1-pentene to HSiEt₃ gives large variations in the distribution of products. Table VI gives some data showing that with an excess of the 1-pentene there is a greater tendency to form the (pentenyl)SiEt₃ products. The effect is particularly striking for $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ where the (n -pentyl)SiEt₃ is a very minor component of the product mixture at an initial 10:1 1-pentene/HSiEt₃ ratio. At the other extreme, $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ which gives a substantially larger fraction of the

(n-pentyl)SiEt₃ gives almost exclusively that product at the 1:10 ratio of 1-pentene/HSiEt₃. Curiously, Ru₃(CO)₁₂ is relatively insensitive to substrate ratio, giving mainly (pentenyl)SiEt₃ products under all conditions. It is worth noting that there do seem to be some relatively minor changes in the distribution of isomeric (pentenyl)SiEt₃ products as the substrate ratio is changed.

Selectivity for Terminal Alkene. All three M₃(CO)₁₂ complexes apparently only result in products resulting from reaction of 1-pentene. The evidence for this is several-fold. First, all of the Si-containing products have the -SiEt₃ moiety bonded to the terminal carbon of a linear C₅ fragment. There is no evidence that the possible internal products are unstable to the photocatalysis conditions. Second, the 1-pentene in a mixture of linear pentenes can be completely consumed by the photocatalyzed reaction with HSiEt₃ before there is any substantial reaction of the cis- or trans-2-pentene. This fact is illustrated clearly in Figure 2 which shows the gas chromatographic traces of a pentene mixture as a function of Fe₃(CO)₁₂ photocatalysis time. Ultimately, more of the pentene can be consumed by the reaction with HSiEt₃, albeit at a much slower rate. Finally, attempted reaction of pure cis-2-pentene with HSiEt₃ by the M₃(CO)₁₂ photocatalysis procedure results in very slow rates of consumption by comparison with the 1-pentene reaction.

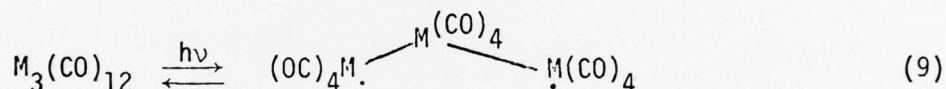
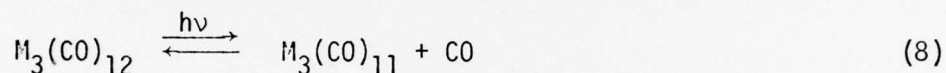
The extent conversion after 18h of irradiation is given in Table VII. Note that the extent conversion correlates with the effectiveness of the isomerization activity of M₃(CO)₁₂; but in each case the extent conversion is much less than when 1-pentene is the starting alkene.

Relative Rates of Isomerization and Hydrosilation. Some of the data which shows that the terminal alkene is selectively reacted with HSiEt_3 reveal that the photocatalysis procedure does not result in the rapid equilibration of the linear pentenes under the reaction conditions. An analysis of the unreacted pentene at various stages in the reaction with HSiEt_3 shows that alkene isomerization is slow or at best competitive with the reaction to give Si-containing products, Table VIII. The effect is particularly striking for $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ which shows little or no isomerization activity at any stage in the reaction. But even for $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ where pentene isomerization is very effectively photocatalyzed in the absence of HSiEt_3 , we observe relatively slow isomerization. This statement is conclusive because we have shown that 1-pentene can be removed from a thermodynamic mixture of the linear pentenes by reaction with HSiEt_3 , Figure 2.

The relatively slow pentene isomerization is consistent, too, with the observation that the distribution of isomeric (pentenyl) SiEt_3 products is essentially independent of per cent conversion. Since each $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ complex gives a different ratio of I, II, and III, it is evident that equilibration of these olefinic products is generally not efficient under the reaction conditions.

Photocatalysis Quantum Yields. Data in Table IX show representative quantum yields for $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ photocatalyzed 1-pentene isomerization and 1-pentene reaction with HSiEt_3 . The quantum yields are defined here to be the number of alkene molecules reacted per photon incident on the sample. Near-uv ($355 \text{ nm} \pm 25 \text{ nm}$) irradiation was used. The noteworthy finding here is that in all cases but one the quantum yield is significantly greater than unity. This fact allows the definitive conclusion that irradiation of $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ produces catalytically active intermediates whose activity persists for a number of catalytic cycles.

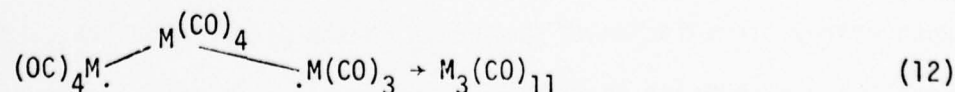
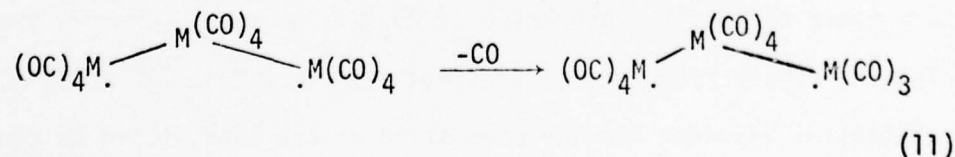
M₃(CO)₁₂ Photochemistry. The M₃(CO)₁₂ complexes are quite evidently photosensitive, and excitation apparently leads to intermediates capable of alkene/silane chemistry. We have begun to characterize the primary, isolable photoproducts from irradiation of M₃(CO)₁₂ in order to gain insight into the nature of the reactive species. As irradiation of M₃(CO)₁₂ in the presence of silicon hydrides or nucleophiles has already been shown to give mono-, di-, and tri-nuclear products,⁴⁶⁻⁵³ we speculate that there are two possible primary photoreactions and several secondary thermal pathways. Reactions (8) and (9) seem to be the two possible



results of decay of the excited state(s). Reaction (8) would seemingly result in simple CO substitution with a nucleophile L, reaction (10), but

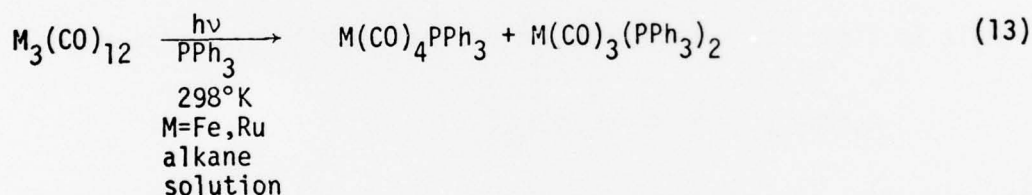


the diradical product in (9) could give the same product, since it has been shown that 17e⁻ centers are coordinatively labile.^{9,10,73-75} A possible route to simple substitution through the diradical is as shown in the sequence of reactions (9), (11), (12), and (10).



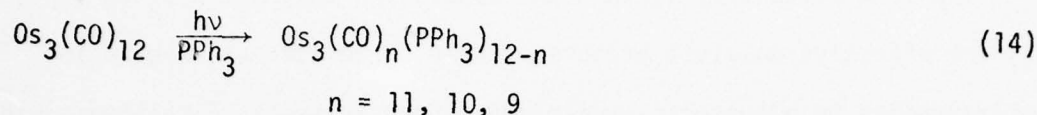
The photogenerated intermediate(s) must be capable of chemistry other than simple substitution, however, This conclusion is reached by noting that irradiation of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ or $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, but interestingly not $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, under CO gives the corresponding $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5$ species. This was previously reported for $\text{M}=\text{Ru}$ ⁴⁶ and we have extended this to $\text{M}=\text{Fe}$. Likewise, visible (not absorbed by $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5$) irradiation of $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ ($\text{M}=\text{Fe}, \text{Ru}$) gives $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4$ - (pentene) in the presence of pentene, and some cis- $\text{HFe}(\text{CO})_4\text{SiEt}_3$ results upon 633 nm irradiation of the Fe cluster in the presence of HSiEt_3 . But for $\text{M} = \text{Os}$ under the same conditions as for Fe or Ru, (298°K, ~1 atm of CO), we were unable to detect the formation of $\text{Os}(\text{CO})_5$. Infrared bands in the CO stretching region were used to identify photoproducts and these bands are included in Table X.

Irradiation of the $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ species in the presence of PPh_3 provides some interesting results. For $\text{M}=\text{Fe}$ or Ru the photochemistry at 298°K appears to proceed as indicated in reaction (13). Plots of the formation



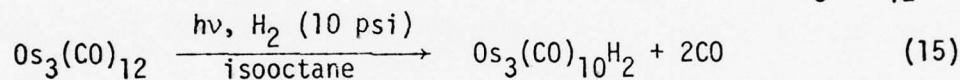
of either of the mononuclear products against time, Figure 3, show them to be primary photoproducts. In the case of $\text{M}=\text{Fe}$ the possible $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)$ is thermally unstable⁷⁶ and does give reaction with PPh_3 to produce $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4\text{PPh}_3$ and $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$. However, for $\text{M}=\text{Ru}$ the substituted clusters remain intact in the presence of PPh_3 at 298°K.⁷⁷⁻⁸⁰ We do not see any substantial evidence for the generation of the substituted Ru clusters upon near-uv irradiation of $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ in the presence of PPh_3 . In considerable contrast to the Fe and Ru results, $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ does not appear to give mononuclear complexes as primary products upon near-uv

irradiation in the presence of PPh_3 . Rather, the photochemistry seems to occur as in reaction (14). The substituted Os clusters indicated as



products are known^{81,82} compounds as are the mononuclear species $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4\text{PPh}_3$ and $\text{M}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$.⁸³ Again the infrared spectral features are conclusive, and the bands are given in Table X.

Finally, with respect to the photochemistry of $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$, irradiation under H_2 gives chemistry according to reaction (15). Not incidentally irradiation of $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$



under H_2 in the presence of 1-pentene yields some conversion to pentane. The $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}\text{H}_2$ has been known for some time⁸⁴ and is a thermal reaction product of $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ and H_2 .⁸⁵

The disappearance quantum yields for the $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ complexes are given in Table XI. Quite interestingly the quantum yields are very low; even in neat solutions of alkene or HSiEt_3 the yields are small.

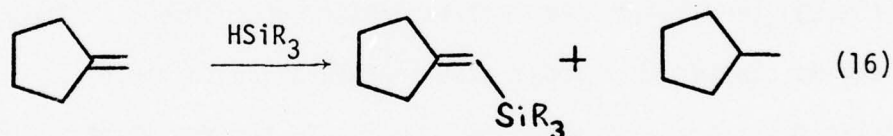
Discussion

The data adequately support the conclusion that $M_3(CO)_{12}$ ($M = Fe, Ru, Os$) are effective catalyst precursors when irradiated at wavelengths corresponding to electronic excitation. Both in terms of quantum yield (>1) and in terms of the number of molecules reacted per $M_3(CO)_{12}$ initially present, we can state that a true catalyst is generated from the photolysis of $M_3(CO)_{12}$. Generally, neat solutions of a terminal alkene and a silicon hydride can be converted to products to an extent exceeding 90% with only $\sim 10^{-3} M$ $M_3(CO)_{12}$. Such reactants are typically consumed with initial quantum yields which exceed 10, while the $M_3(CO)_{12}$ disappears with an initial quantum yield of <0.1 . If the catalytic intermediates do not regenerate $M_3(CO)_{12}$, we can assign very high turnover numbers to the intermediates. Since the actual catalytically active species very likely involves the loss of at least one CO molecule,⁸⁶ any regeneration of $M_3(CO)_{12}$ is likely to be very slow on the time scale of the quantum yield determination. It is reasonable that the regeneration of $M_3(CO)_{12}$ would be slow in solutions which contain as much alkene and silicon hydride as used here.

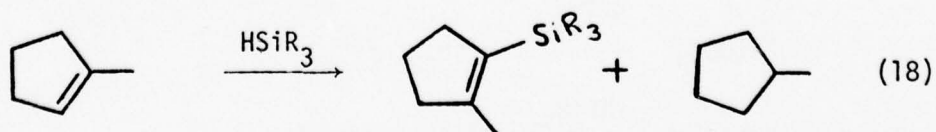
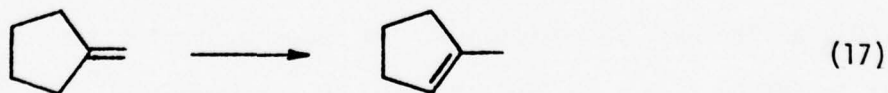
Turning to the catalytic chemistry itself, we note that there are a large number of catalysts for the hydrosilation of olefins.⁸⁶ However, there seem to be few catalysts which effect the generation of alkenyl silanes along with the alkyl silanes. Indeed, as far as homogeneous systems are concerned, it appears that only $Fe(CO)_5$ is an effective catalyst for the formation of vinylsilanes from an alkene and a silicon hydride. Previously, we reported³⁹ that $Fe(CO)_5$ is an effective photocatalyst for this reaction, and the data herein show that the clusters $M_3(CO)_{12}$ all give some vinylsilane product. The (pentenyl)SiEt₃ products are least important for $M=Os$, but for both $M=Fe$ and Ru the (pentenyl)SiEt₃

product is the major, under some conditions the exclusive, silicon containing catalysis product. The synthesis of such products is not particularly unique, since hydrosilation of the appropriate alkyne can lead to the vinylsilane. Vinylsilanes having no acetylenic precursor may be synthesized³⁹ by the photocatalysis procedure, but the rate of the photocatalyzed formation of vinylsilanes from cycloalkenes or 1,1'-disubstituted alkenes is likely to be much slower. This follows from our observation that $M_3(CO)_{12}$ selectively reacts with terminal alkenes. As has been found before, the distinct advantage of the photocatalysis procedure is that the temperature of the reaction is very low compared to the typical catalysis conditions.

The fact that the $M_3(CO)_{12}$ species selectively catalyzes reaction of the terminal alkene and by comparison does not equilibrate alkenes by isomerization at a fast rate can be advantageous. For example, the reaction indicated in (16) seems doable by the $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ photocatalysis



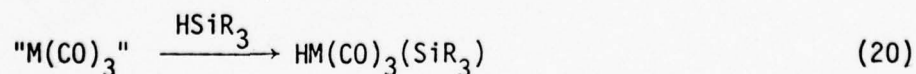
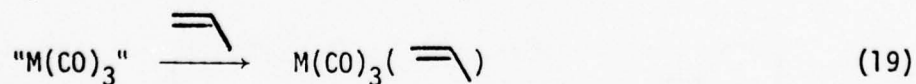
procedure, owing to the fact that reactions (17) and (18) and subsequent

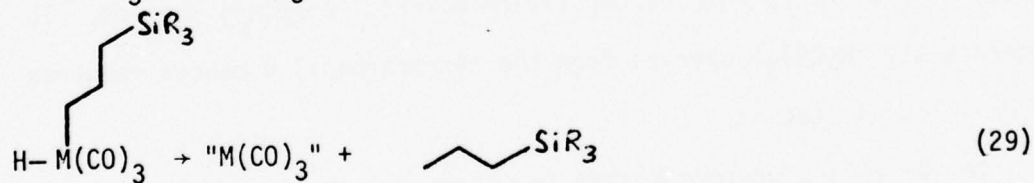
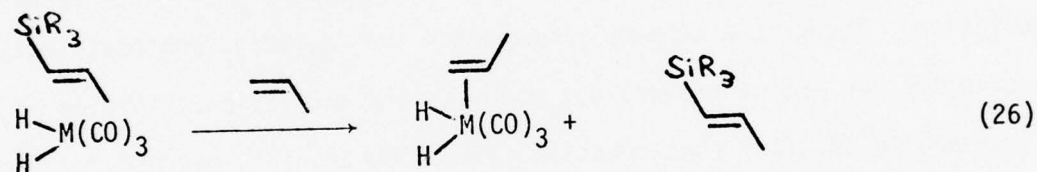
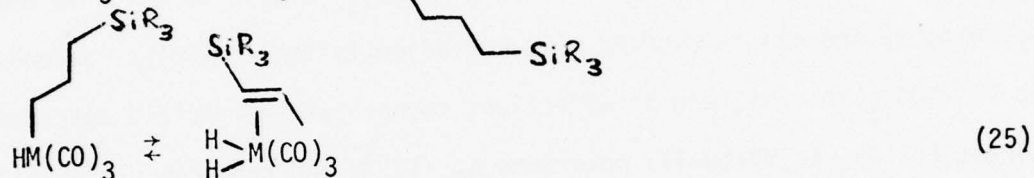
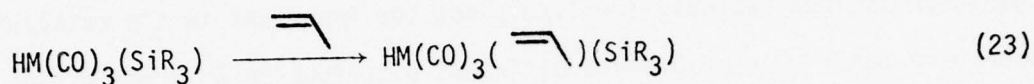
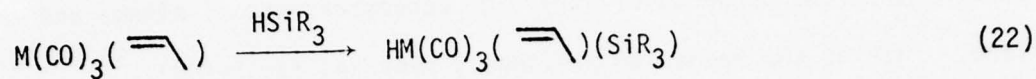


isomerization of the vinylsilane are likely to be slow. Further, the vinylsilane product in (16) has no acetylenic precursor. A report on

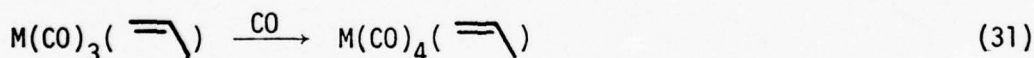
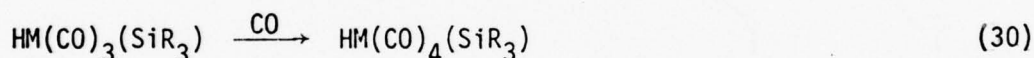
attempts to produce such products in synthetic quantities by the photocatalysis procedure will be the object of a future paper. The lack of isomerization activity on the same scale as the reaction with the silicon hydride can be a disadvantage, too. Such is the case in the attempted reaction of a mixture of the pentenes to yield (pentyl)SiEt₃ and (pentenyl)SiEt₃. Slow equilibration of the pentenes allows consumption of the 1-pentene and production of more 1-pentene is the rate limiting process.

At this stage, the details of the mechanism for photocatalytic activity of M₃(CO)₁₂ are not completely elucidated but some key facts are certain. For the Fe and Ru clusters, the organometallic photoproducts which result are mononuclear species. Though the disappearance yields are low, irradiation of M₃(CO)₁₂ (M = Fe, Ru) gives good chemical yields of mononuclear products when irradiation is carried out in the presence of alkene, CO, or PPh₃. Further, in the presence of PPh₃ we find that M(CO)₃(PPh₃)₂ (M = Fe, Ru) is primary photoproduct. Thus, for the Fe and Ru cluster we propose that fragmentation to yield catalytically active mononuclear species is the result of irradiation in the presence of 1-pentene and HSiEt₃. Indeed, for M=Fe the cluster gives nearly the same distribution of silicon containing products as when using Fe(CO)₅ as the catalyst precursor. We suggest that the catalytically repeating unit is "M(CO)₃" (M = Fe, Ru) as shown in reactions (19)-(29). The





catalytic cycle is illustrated for alkene = propene. Naturally, "M(CO)₃" likely does not exist as such, since the reactions are typically carried out in the presence of very high concentrations of alkene and silane. This is the mechanism previously proposed for Fe(CO)₅.^{30,39,86} Organic or silicon radicals are likely not too important in the catalysis, since each metal cluster gives a different distribution of organosilane products. Two practical advantages can be associated with using the Fe₃(CO)₁₂ compared to Fe(CO)₅. First, Fe₃(CO)₁₂ is a solid which is not too volatile and can be handled more conveniently than Fe(CO)₅. Second, the Fe₃(CO)₁₂ absorbs, and is effective, throughout the visible spectrum, whereas Fe(CO)₅ is virtually colorless at ~10⁻³M and requires ultraviolet excitation. There is a tendency, though, for the Fe₃(CO)₁₂ photocatalysts to give smaller extent conversions upon visible excitation. This is likely due to the fact that reactions like (30) and (31) may occur. The

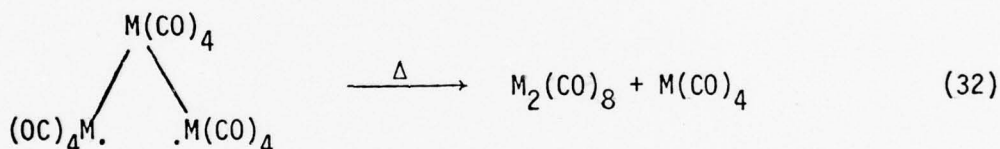


CO could result from some decomposition of metal carbonyl species. To generate the "M(CO)₃" species from the tetracarbonyl products requires ultraviolet excitation.

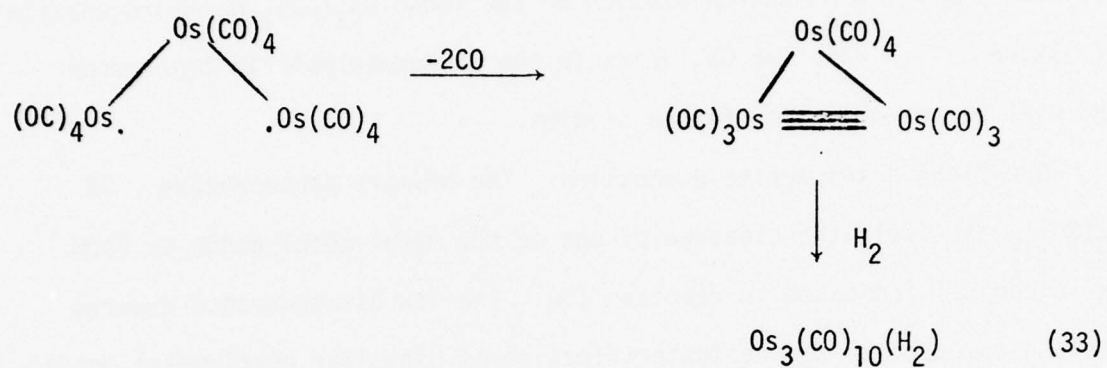
The Os₃(CO)₁₂ photocatalyzed reactions and its own photoproducts are qualitatively different compared to the Fe and Ru clusters. On the basis of the persistence of Os₃ cluster products it is very tempting to conclude that the photocatalysis involves clusters as the catalytically active species. While this point needs further deliberation, it is gratifying to note the

clean generation of $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}\text{H}_2$ from irradiation of $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ under H_2 . This fact, along with the observation of photocatalyzed 1-pentene hydrogenation suggest a photoacceleration of the known $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}\text{H}_2$ hydrogenation of alkenes.⁶⁵ A role for Os_3 units in the photocatalysis is implicated and will be the object of future studies.

One final point merits discussion. The primary photoprocess in $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ is likely the cleavage of one of the metal-metal bonds to form the diradical indicated in reaction (9). The low disappearance quantum yields, compared to the declusterification of dinuclear metal-metal bonded species,⁹ are explicable in terms of efficient closure, reverse of reaction (9), to regenerate the cluster. The essential independence of the quantum yields on substrate concentration suggests that the diradical undergoes some fast, unimolecular decomposition perhaps as in reaction (32)



for $\text{M} = \text{Fe}, \text{Ru}$. The dinuclear, formally M-M double bonded, $\text{M}_2(\text{CO})_8$ and the $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4$ can both react with CO to ultimately give $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5$. From studies with $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$,³⁰ it is known that a primary isolable photoproduct is the disubstituted $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ when the irradiation is carried out in the presence of PPh_3 . Thus, $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4$ at least, is a viable precursor to " $\text{M}(\text{CO})_3$ " catalytic species. The primary photoprocess in $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ is very likely Os-Os bond cleavage as well, since mononuclear products have been observed after prolonged irradiation, e.g. ref. 53. The interaction with H_2 may occur as in reaction (33). Triple bonded complexes



have been observed to be photochemically generated from single bonded complexes,⁷² presumably via a similar mechanism involving labile, metal-centered radicals.

Experimental

Materials. All solvents, substrates, and catalyst precursors were obtained commercially. Isooctane was spectroquality and the alkenes were the purest materials obtainable from Chemical Samples Co. The alkenes were typically passed through alumina immediately prior to use to remove peroxides. The HSiEt_3 was distilled prior to use, and the purity of $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ complexes was determined by infrared after sublimation. $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ was used after distillation. Authentic samples of the (pentyl) SiEt_3 and (pentenyl) SiEt_3 were prepared and characterized as for (pentyl) SiMe_3 and (pentenyl) SiMe_3 .³⁹

Spectra. All infrared spectra were recorded using a Perkin-Elmer 180 spectrometer with 0.1 or 1.0 mm matched pathlength cells. Photoproducts identified by infrared were compared to literature data (Table X) and by independent generation from $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ for products from $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$. Appropriate care was taken in the handling of air sensitive species. Uv-vis spectra were recorded using a Cary 17.

Irradiation Sources. Several different sources were employed in this work. For 633 nm irradiations a 6X beam expanded He-Ne laser (~ 5 mW output) was used. The 454.4 nm irradiation was from an Ar ion laser (Spectra Physics Model 164). Irradiations at 550 nm were carried out using a 550 W medium pressure Hg lamp from Hanovia filtered with the appropriate Corning glass filter pack to isolate the 550 nm emission. Most irradiations were carried out using a GE Black Light equipped with two 15 W fluorescent Black Light bulbs. The output of the lamp is centered at 355 nm and the width at half-height is ~25 nm. The intensity of the light was determined using ferrioxalate actinometry,⁸⁷ and the typical dose for the samples was 2×10^{-6} ein/min.

Irradiation Procedures. 1.0, 2.0, or 3.0 ml samples of alkene and/or HSiEt_3 with 10^{-3} M $\text{M}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ or $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ were put in 13 x 100 mm Pyrex test tubes with constrictions. The samples were freeze-pump-thaw degassed to 10^{-5} torr in at least three cycles and were hermetically sealed. The samples were then irradiated for given periods of time at 298°K and then analyzed.

Analysis. Alkene isomerization and reaction with silane was monitored by gas chromatography under the conditions previously reported.^{30,39}

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Table I. Spectral Properties of $M_3(CO)_12$.^a

| M | Bands, nm (ϵ , $\text{Lmol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$) |
|----|---|
| Fe | 603 (2900) |
| | 440 sh (2380) |
| | 315 sh (12,400) |
| | 275 sh (17,700) |
| | 192 (>70,000) |
| Ru | 395 (7700) |
| | 268 sh (27,000) |
| | 239 (35,500) |
| | 203 sh (48,000) |
| Os | 385 sh (3700) |
| | 329 (9300) |
| | 288 sh (8500) |
| | 244 (26,000) |

^aIsooctane solution at 298° K, cf. Figure 1.

Table II. $M_3(CO)_{12}$ Photocatalyzed Alkene Isomerization.^a

| M | Irrdn. Time, h | %1-pentene | % <u>trans</u> -2-pentene | % <u>cis</u> -2-pentene |
|----|----------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fe | 0 | 100 | ---- | ---- |
| | 1 | 7.0 | 74.4 | 18.6 |
| | 12 | 3.0 | 76.0 | 21.0 |
| Ru | 0 | 100 | ---- | ---- |
| | 1 | 70.0 | 24.7 | 5.1 |
| | 24 | 61.0 | 34.0 | 5.0 |
| Os | 0 | 100 | ---- | ---- |
| | 1 | >99 | <1 | <1 |
| | 17 | 95.8 | 3.3 | 1.0 |

^aIrradiation of 1 ml of $10^{-3}M$ $M_3(CO)_{12}$, $2M$ 1-pentene degassed benzene solutions.
Irradiation at 298°K with GE Black Light through Pyrex.

Table III. $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ Photocatalyzed Pentene Isomerization with
550 nm Excitation.^a

| Starting Alkene [M] | Irrdn. Time, min | %1-pentene | % <u>trans</u> -2-pentene | % <u>cis</u> -2-pentene |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1-pentene [1.7] | 0 | 99.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| | 108 | 79.2 | 16.3 | 4.5 |
| | 230 | 59.3 | 31.8 | 8.9 |
| | 465 | 29.0 | 54.4 | 16.6 |
| | 810 | 3.6 | 76.0 | 20.0 |
| <u>trans</u> -2-pentene [0.7] | 0 | --- | >99.0 | --- |
| | 240 | 1.0 | 97.1 | 1.8 |
| | 820 | 2.3 | 91.4 | 6.3 |
| | 2670 | 3.4 | 73.2 | 23.4 |
| <u>cis</u> -2-pentene [0.7] | 0 | --- | --- | >99.0 |
| | 180 | 2.0 | 12.9 | 85.1 |
| | 790 | 2.8 | 40.3 | 56.9 |
| | 2640 | 2.9 | 59.4 | 37.8 |

^aDegassed benzene solutions (3.0 ml) of 10^{-3}M $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ and alkene were irradiated with 550 nm output from 550 W medium pressure Hg lamp (Hanovia) at 298°K in a merry-go-round; 10^{-7} - 10^{-6} ein/min incident on the sample.

Table IV. $M_3(CO)_{12}$ Photocatalyzed Reaction of 1-Pentene and $HSiEt_3$.^a

| Catalyst Precursor | Irrdn Time | % Conversion | %n-C ₅ H ₁₂ | % (n-pentyl)SiEt ₃ | % (pentenyl)SiEt ₃ | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------|------|
| | | | | | I | II | III |
| Fe ₃ (CO) ₁₂ | 5 min | 2 | 49.0 | 4.2 | 8.8 | 33.0 | 4.9 |
| | 1 h | 15 | 47.4 | 4.5 | 9.2 | 33.6 | 5.3 |
| | 18 h | 80 | 44.4 | 8.9 | 9.6 | 28.8 | 8.4 |
| Ru ₃ (CO) ₁₂ | 1 h | 15 | 48.4 | 3.5 | 42.8 | 4.6 | ~0.6 |
| | 2 h | 30 | 48.7 | 3.2 | 40.8 | 5.7 | 1.5 |
| | 24 h | 96 | 46.1 | 2.8 | 45.2 | 4.3 | 1.5 |
| Os ₃ (CO) ₁₂ | 1 h | 24 | 13.4 | 69.8 | 13.9 | 2.9 | <1 |
| | 24 h | >99 | 15.0 | 63.2 | 17.7 | 4.1 | <1 |

^aNeat, 1:1 mole ratio of 1-pentene and $HSiEt_3$. 1 ml degassed solutions of $10^{-3}M$ $M_3(CO)_{12}$ irradiated with GE Black Light at 298°K.

Table V. Comparison of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ and $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ Photocatalyzed Reaction of 1-Pentene with HSiEt_3 .^a

| Catalyst Precursor | Irrdn λ , nm ^b | % conv. | Product Distribution | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--|----------------------------------|------|------|
| | | | $(\underline{n}\text{-pentyl})\text{SiEt}_3$ | $(\text{pentenyl})\text{SiEt}_3$ | | |
| | | | | I | II | III |
| $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ | 355 | 2 | 16.5 | 21.3 | 52.3 | 9.9 |
| | | >80 | 17.5 | 16.1 | 51.2 | 15.2 |
| $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ | 355 | 2 | 6.1 | 20.2 | 62.9 | 10.9 |
| | | 30 | 9.1 | 20.3 | 58.9 | 11.7 |
| | | 80 | 15.9 | 17.2 | 51.7 | 15.1 |
| $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ | 550 | 1 | 4.8 | 17.5 | 66.2 | 11.5 |
| | | 4 | 6.5 | 18.6 | 64.3 | 10.6 |
| | | 26 | 8.2 | 20.7 | 60.4 | 10.6 |

^a 1 ml samples of 10^{-3}M catalyst precursor in degassed 1:1 mole ratio of 1-pentene and HSiEt_3 .

^b 355 nm irradiation was with a GE Black Light, and the 550 nm irradiation was with a filtered 550W Hanovia medium pressure Hg lamp.

Table VI. Variation in $M_3(CO)_{12}$ Photocatalysis Product
Distribution with Variation in Alkene/Silane Ratio.^a

| M | 1-pentene/ HSiEt ₃ ^b | % Conversion ^c | Product Distribution | | | |
|----|---|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------|------|
| | | | % Alkylsilane | % Alkenylsilanes | | |
| | | | | I | II | III |
| Fe | 10:1 | 5 | <1 | 18.2 | 70.3 | 11.4 |
| | | >80 | <1 | 17.6 | 60.0 | 22.3 |
| | 1:1 | 2 | 8.2 | 17.3 | 64.9 | 9.6 |
| | | >80 | 15.9 | 17.2 | 51.8 | 15.1 |
| | 1:10 | 5 | 37.2 | 13.0 | 40.9 | 8.7 |
| | | >80 | 52.3 | 12.5 | 25.5 | 9.6 |
| Ru | 10:1 | 15 | 5.3 | 84.4 | 10.3 | <1 |
| | | >90 | 2.7 | 66.8 | 24.5 | 6.0 |
| | 1:1 | 15 | 6.9 | 84.7 | 9.3 | <1 |
| | | >90 | 5.3 | 83.8 | 8.0 | 3.0 |
| | 1:10 | 5 | 5.2 | 84.1 | 10.6 | <1 |
| | | >80 | 7.4 | 82.0 | 8.3 | 2.3 |
| Os | 10:1 | 15 | 62.5 | 32.0 | 5.5 | <1 |
| | | >80 | 58.6 | 34.1 | 7.3 | <1 |
| | 1:1 | 24 | 80.6 | 15.7 | 3.3 | <1 |
| | | >90 | 74.4 | 20.8 | 4.8 | <1 |
| | 1:10 | 15 | 93.4 | 5.8 | <1 | <1 |
| | | >80 | 83.3 | 13.1 | 2.8 | <1 |

^aIrradiation of 1 ml $10^{-3} M$ $M_3(CO)_{12}$ degassed solutions in Pyrex ampules at 298°K with GE Black Light.

^bMole ratio of alkene and silane.

^cBased on limiting reagent.

Table VII. $M_3(CO)_{12}$ Photocatalyzed Reaction of $HSiEt_3$ and cis-2-Pentene.^a

| M | Irrdn. Time, h | % Conversion | Product Distribution | | | |
|----|-------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|------|------|
| | | | $\%(\underline{n}\text{-pentyl})SiEt_3$ | $\%(\text{pentenyl})SiEt_3$ | | |
| | | | | I | II | III |
| Fe | 18 | 17 | 23.9 | 7.7 | 53.6 | 14.8 |
| Ru | 18 | 5 | 7.4 | 84.9 | 7.7 | <1 |
| Os | 18 | ~2 | 75.7 | 24.3 | <1 | <1 |

^aIrradiation of 1.0 ml degassed solutions of $10^{-3}M$ $M_3(CO)_{12}$ in 1:1 cis-2-pentene: $HSiEt_3$ solutions. Irradiation was carried out at 298°K with a GE Black Light.

Table VIII. $M_3(CO)_{12}$ Photocatalyzed Isomerization versus Hydrosilation.^a

| M | % Consumption of Alkene ^b | % <u>trans</u> -2-pentene | % <u>cis</u> -2-pentene |
|----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fe | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 8.0 | 5.1 | 1.0 |
| | >90 | 77.4 | 22.6 |
| Ru | >80 | 28.0 | 3.2 |
| Os | 20 | <1 | <1 |
| | >90 | 2.0 | <1 |

^aSolution is initially 1:1 mole ratio of $HSiEt_3$ and 1-pentene with $10^{-3} M M_3(CO)_{12}$. 1 ml degassed samples in Pyrex ampules at 298°K were irradiated with a GE Black Light.

^bProducts are alkyl- and alkenylsilanes.

Table IX. Observed Reaction Quantum Yields for $M_3(CO)_12$
Photocatalyzed Reactions.

| M | Solution | Φ Disappearance ^a of 1-Pentene |
|----|------------------------------------|---|
| Fe | Neat 1-pentene | 61 |
| | 1-pentene/HSiEt ₃ (1/1) | 16 |
| Ru | Neat 1-pentene | 34 |
| | 1-pentene/HSiEt ₃ (1/1) | 24 |
| Os | Neat 1-pentene | <1 |
| | 1-pentene/HSiEt ₃ (1/1) | 13 |

^aDisappearance of 1-pentene measured as a function of irradiation time (2.2×10^{-6} ein/min at 355 nm incident on sample). In neat 1-pentene the products are cis- and trans-2-pentene and in the 1-pentene/HSiEt₃ solutions the disappearance of all alkenes was monitored.

Table X. Infrared Spectral Data for Relevant Complexes.

| Complex | Solvent | Ir Bands, cm^{-1} | Ref. |
|--|----------------------|--|-----------|
| $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ | isooctane | 2025(s); 2000(vs) | a |
| $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ | n-hexane | 2046(s); 2023(m); 2013(sh); 1867(vw); 1835(w) | b |
| $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{PPh}_3$ | cyclohexane | 2088(m); 2034(s); 2013(vs); ~1965(w, sh); 1825(vw, br) | c |
| $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4\text{PPh}_3$ | isooctane | 2054(s); 1978(m); 1942(s) | a |
| $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ | isooctane | 1893(s) | a |
| $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)$ | --- | 2088; 2007; 2013; 1986 | d |
| $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(1\text{-pentene})$ | isooctane | 2084; ; ; 1978 | a |
| $\text{cis-HFe}(\text{CO})_4\text{SiEt}_3$ | isooctane | 2093(w); 2027(m); 2019(s); 2006(s) | This work |
| $\text{cis-HFe}(\text{CO})_4\text{SiMe}_3$ | isooctane | 2090(m); 2025(m); 2015(s); 2000(s) | e |
| $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_5$ | heptane | 2035(s); 1999(vs) | f |
| $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ | isooctane | 2061(vs); 2031(s); 2012(m) | This work |
| $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_9(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ | cyclohexane | 2046(vw); 1978(sh); 1970(s); 1933(s); 1929(s); 1920(sh) | g |
| $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_4\text{PPh}_3$ | heptane | 2060(vs); 1986(m); 1953(vs); 1900(s) | h |
| $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ | methycyclohexane | 1900(s) | i |
| $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pentene})$ | isooctane | 2103(w); 2018(s); 1990(m) | This work |
| $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_4(\text{ethylene})$ | heptane | 2104(m); 2021(vs); 1995(s) | j |
| $\text{Os}(\text{CO})_5$ | heptane | 2034(s); 1991(vs) | f |
| $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ | isooctane | 2070(vs); 2037(vs); 2017(m); 2017(m) | This work |
| $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{11}\text{PPh}_3$ | carbon tetrachloride | 2018(m); 2055(s); 2035(ms); 2019(s); 2000(m); 1989(m); 1978(m); 1956(mw) | k |

Table X (continued)

| Complex | Solvent | Ir Bands, cm^{-1} | Ref. |
|---|----------------------|--|------|
| $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ | carbon tetrachloride | 2085(mw); 2030(s); 2012(m); 1998(s); 1969(m); 1951(mw) | k |
| $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_9(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ | carbon tetrachloride | 2053(w); 1999(sh); 1990(m); 1976(s); 1944(m) | k |
| $\text{Os}(\text{CO})_4\text{PPh}_3$ | heptane | 2060(s); 1980(m); 1943(vs) | h |
| $\text{Os}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ | tetrahydrofuran | 1890 | h |
| $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}\text{H}_2$ | cyclohexane | 2110(vw); 2076(vs); 2062(s); 2025(vs); 2009(vs); 1987(m); 1969(vw); 1956(vw) | l |

^aRef. 30.^bJ. Knight and M. J. Mays, Chem. Comm., 1006 (1970).^cRef. 76.^dH. D. Murdoch and E. Weiss, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, **46**, 1588 (1963).^eRef. 39.^fF. Calderazzo and F. L'Eplattenier, *Inorg. Chem.*, **6**, 1220 (1967).^gB.F.G. Johnson, R. D. Johnston, P. L. Josty, J. Lewis, I.G. Williams, *Nature*, **213**, 901 (1967).^hRef. 83.ⁱRef. 77.^jRef. 46.^kRef. 81.^lRef. 84.

Table XI. $M_3(CO)_{12}$ Disappearance Quantum Yields.^a

| M | Irrdn λ , nm | Solvent | $\phi \pm 20\%$ |
|----|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Fe | 355 | isooctane | 0.007 |
| | | 1-pentene | 0.01 |
| | | HSiEt ₃ | 0.04 |
| | | 1-pentene/HSiEt ₃ (1/1) | 0.04 |
| | 633 | 0.001M PPh ₃ in isooctane | 0.01 |
| | | 0.09M PPh ₃ in isooctane | 0.02 |
| Ru | 355 | isooctane | <10 ⁻³ |
| | | 1-pentene | 0.03 |
| | | HSiEt ₃ | 0.03 |
| | | 1-pentene/HSiEt ₃ (1/1) | 0.03 |
| Os | 355 | 1.0M 1-pentene in isooctane | 0.03 |
| | | 1.0M 1-pentene/1.0M HSiEt ₃ in isooctane | 0.02 |
| | | HSiEt ₃ | 0.02 |

^aAll data are for degassed solutions at 298°K.

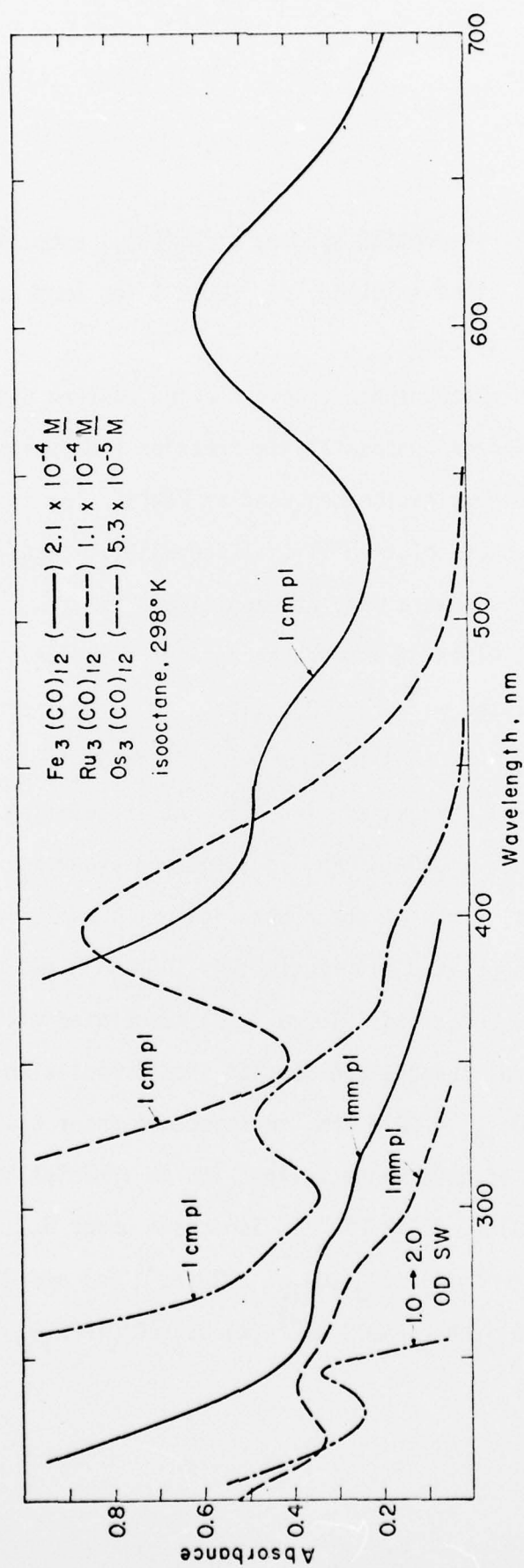
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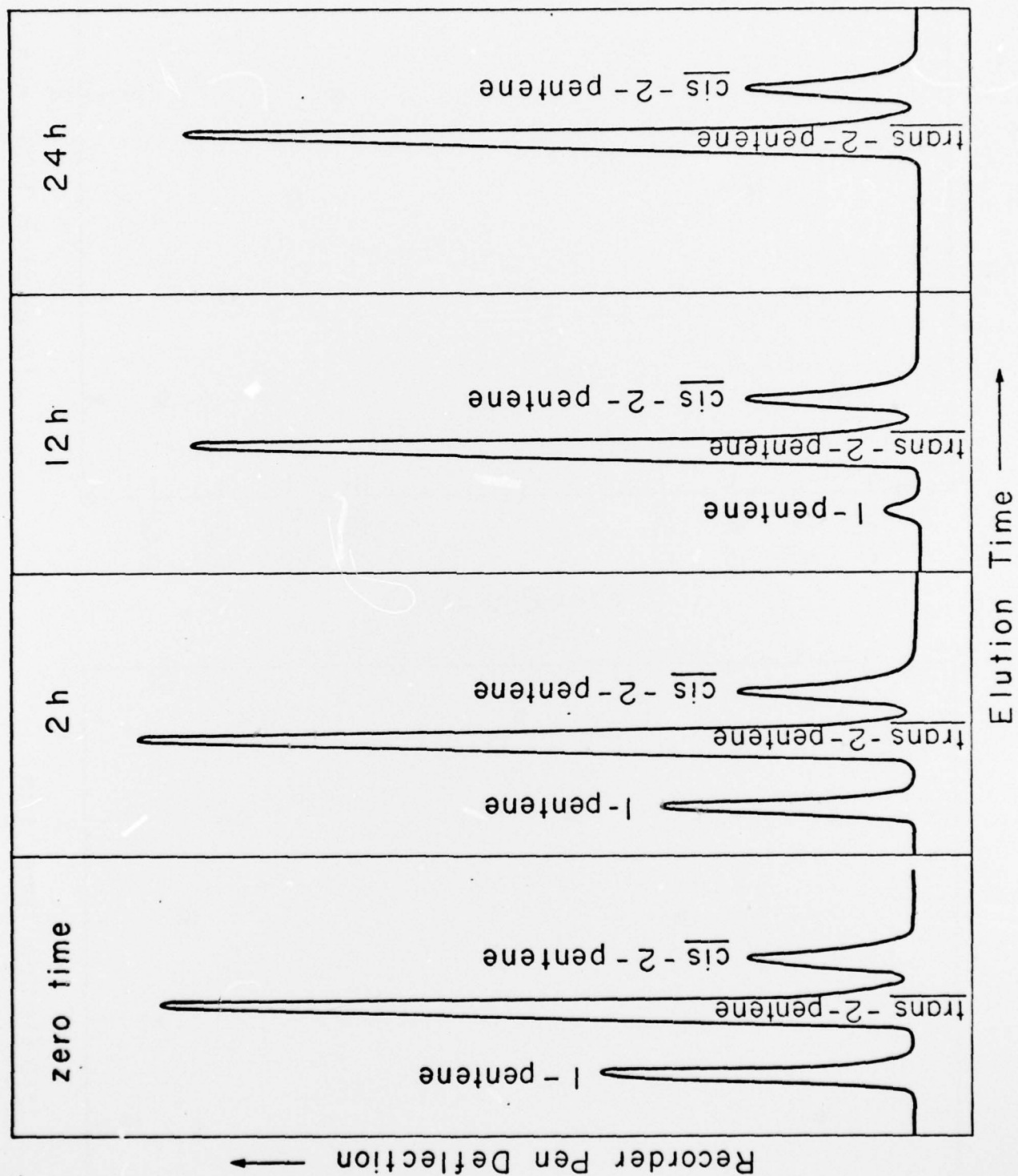
Figure 1. Optical absorption spectra of $M_3(CO)_{12}$ complexes at 298°K in isooctane solution; cf. Table I for band maxima and molar absorptivities.

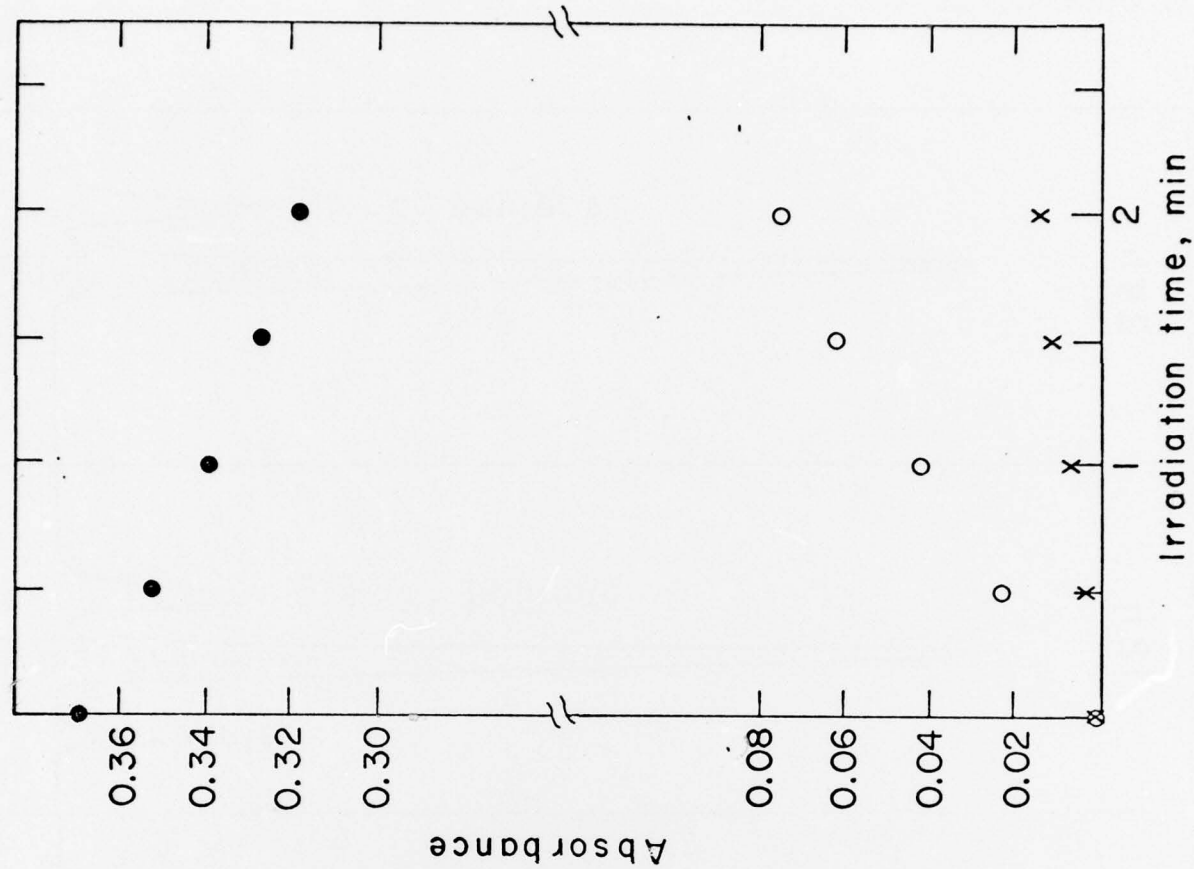
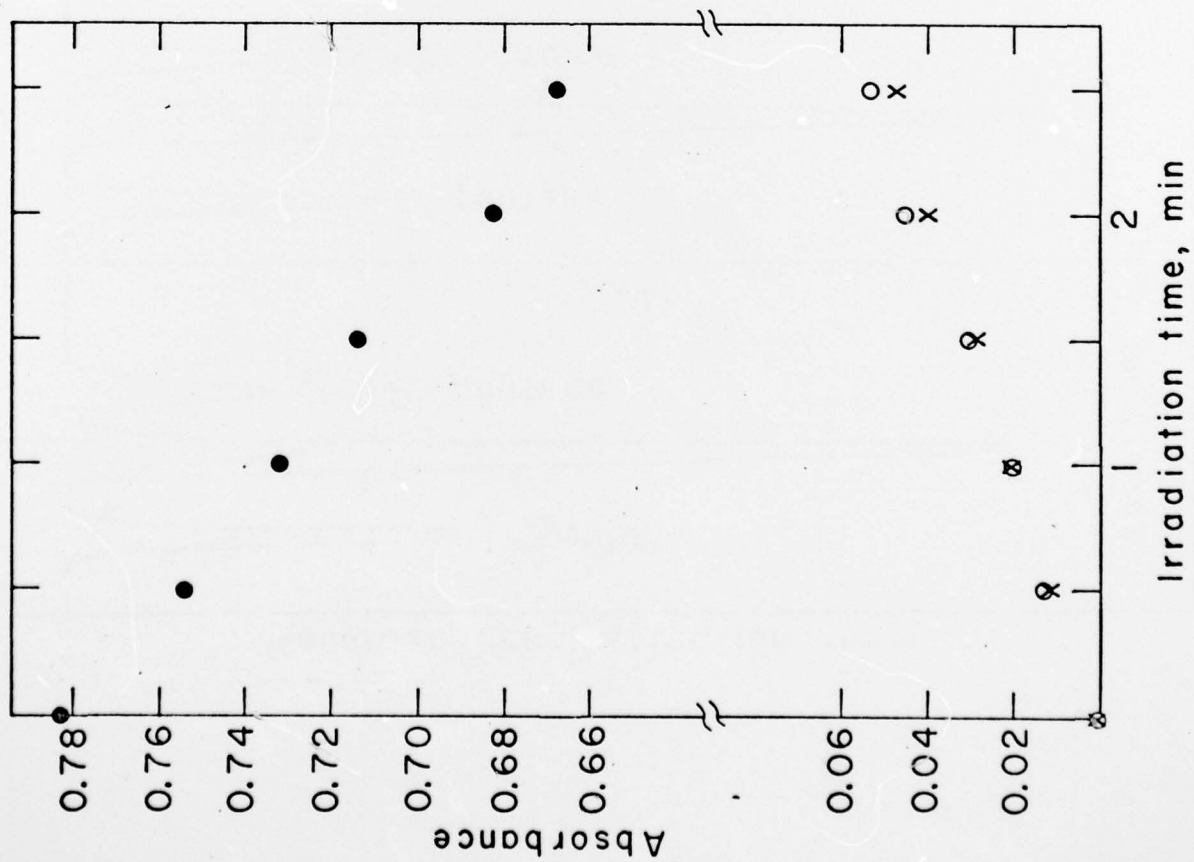
Figure 2. Gas chromatographic traces showing pentene distribution as a function of photocatalysis reaction time using $Fe_3(CO)_{12}(10^{-3}M)$. Near-uv excitation was used at 298°K. The initial solution was a neat solution 1:1, alkene: $HSiEt_3$. Equal sized injections were made at each time.

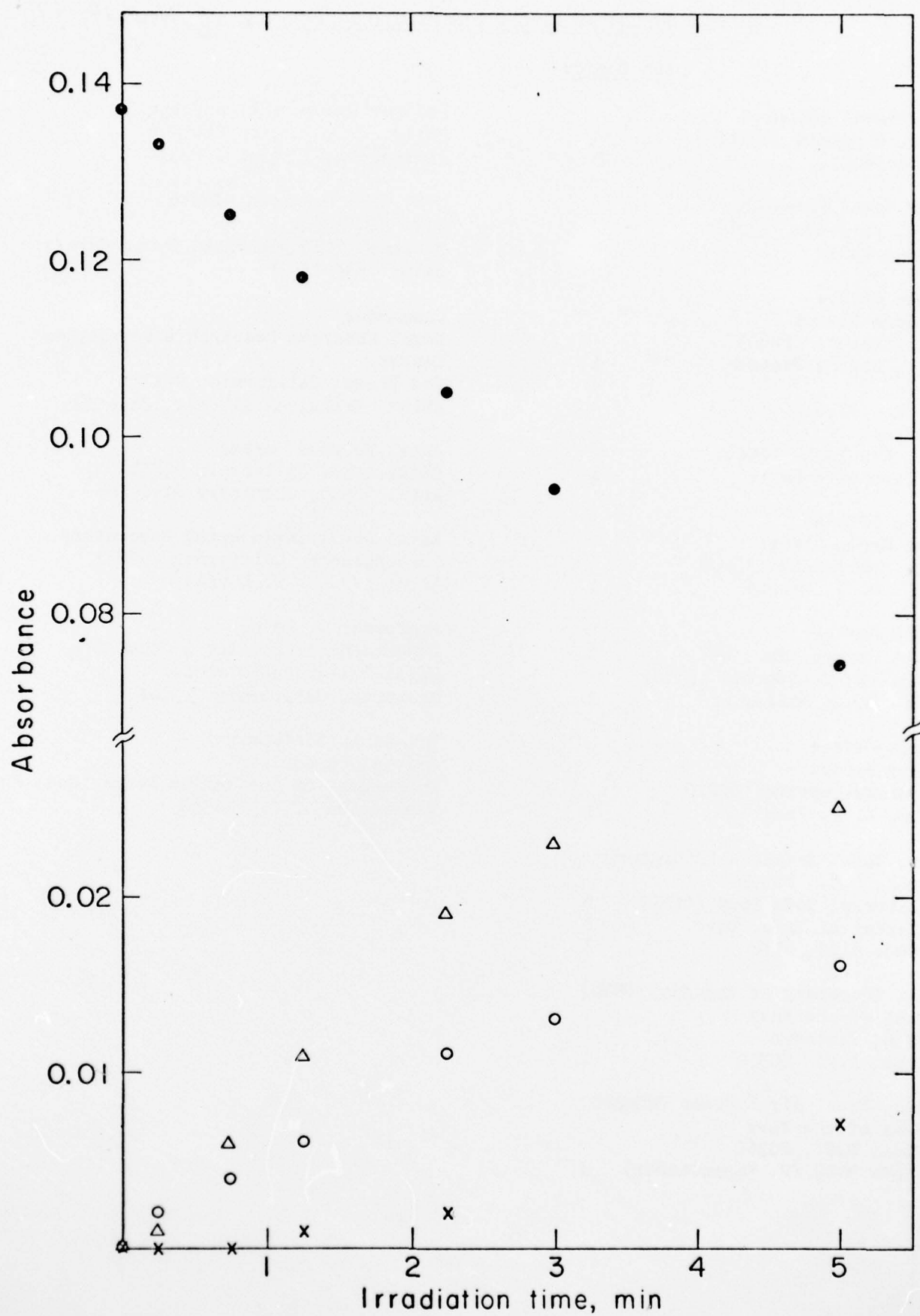
Figure 3. (Left) Plots of absorbance against irradiation time at 2046 cm^{-1} (●) associated with $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$, 1942 cm^{-1} (○) associated with $Fe(CO)_4PPh_3$, and 1893 cm^{-1} (X) associated with $Fe(CO)_3(PPh_3)_2$. Spectral changes are for 633 nm irradiation of $3.7 \times 10^{-4}M$ $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$, $0.096M$ PPh_3 in isooctane under N_2 .
(Right) Plots of absorbance against irradiation time at 2031 cm^{-1} (●) associated with $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$, 1953 cm^{-1} (○) associated with $Ru(CO)_4PPh_3$, and 1910 cm^{-1} (X) associated with $Ru(CO)_3(PPh_3)_2$. Spectral changes are for 454.4 nm irradiation of $3.3 \times 10^{-4}M$ $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$, $0.082M$ PPh_3 in isooctane under N_2 .

Figure 4. Plots of absorbance against 355 nm irradiation time for $\sim 10^{-4}M$ $Os_3(CO)_{12}$, $0.01M$ PPh_3 in isooctane under N_2 . Bands monitored are 2070 cm^{-1} (●) $Os_3(CO)_{12}$; 2020 cm^{-1} (Δ) and 2055 cm^{-1} (○) both $Os_3(CO)_{11}PPh_3$; 1979 cm^{-1} (X) $Os_3(CO)_9(PPh_3)_3$.









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